



Management Report to Council



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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 6 March 2023 and the following items were considered:

- Roads Allocations 2023
- N24 Waterford to Cahir – Project update
- Draft Inter-Agency Tipperary Road Safety Strategy 2022-2030.
- The members raised the issue of Hedgecutting following their consideration of the Road Safety Strategy. Chairperson, Councillor Michael O’Meara requested that a discussion be held at Plenary Council regarding the provision of Temporary Traffic Management by Council staff, for Hedgecutting works along public roads.

The next meeting of the Infrastructure SPC is scheduled for 29th May 2023.

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Arup appointed October 2019 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in Sept 2020. Transport Options & Alternatives Public Consultation complete Aug 2021. Phase 2: Preferred Transport Solution was announced May 2022. Phase 3: Design Update No. 1 took place on 23 January 2023.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021.</p>	<p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 2: TCC published the Options Selection Report in March 2023. Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation Processes has commenced. This will define land take required for the preferred option.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2: Options selection commenced and options were announced 3 May 2022. Phase 2 is due to be completed</p>



	Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021.	in 2023. This will announce a Proposed Transport Solution and open a Public Consultation process on same.
Capital Programme 2023	Implementation of Programme	Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year.
Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2023	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding.
Implementation of Active Travel Investment Programme 2023	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding.
Rural and Community Schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLÁR • Community Involvement Scheme 2023 • Local Improvement Scheme 2023 	Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department 	CLÁR 2022/23 – 2 no. Measure 1 applications approved by Department of Rural and Community Development. The Roads projects include Drombane Village Car Park and Clonakenny playground enhancement. The allocation for Community Involvement Schemes in 2023 is €804,600. Schemes proposed for 2023 will be advised by the District Offices, and offer letters issued for payment of the local contribution. The allocation for Local Improvement Schemes in 2023 is €744,914. Schemes proposed for 2023 will be advised by the District Offices, and offer letters issued for payment of the local contribution.
Consultation	Annual Meeting with TII to be scheduled in Q4 2023.	Continued consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.
Road Safety		Tipperary County Council has completed the preparation of the Road Safety Strategy 2022-2030 and Phase 1 Action Plan 2022-2024. The strategy has been presented to SPC and agreed by all agencies in Q1 2023. Publication of the strategy will follow in Q2 2023.



Department of Transport (DoT)

Tipperary County Council Regional and Local Roads Allocations 2023	
Restoration Improvement	€17,446,000
Restoration Maintenance	€2,546,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€2,001,500
Discretionary Grant	€4,800,500
Bridge Rehabilitation	€904,752
Specific Imp. Grants	€681,000
Strategic Regional and Local Roads	€825,000
Safety Improvement Works	€605,000
PSCI: Survey Support	€44,000
Training Grant	€129,500
Drainage Works	€1,192,000
Former National Roads	€600,000
Cycle Signs	€11,000
Speed Limits (Housing Area Signage)	€19,660
Speed Limits (Rural Speed Limit Signage)	€13,500
Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works	€907,887
Community Involvement Scheme	€804,600
Total Allocation	€33,532,399



2023 GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR NATIONAL ROADS

Tipperary County Council – National Roads Allocations 2023 (Initial)	
Improvement	Allocations 2023
National Primary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€1,710,000
Pavements incl. Safety Works	€1,200,000
National Secondary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€906,000
Minor Works	€500,000
Pavements	€1,700,000
Engineering Support for National Primary, National Secondary, and Pavement Design and Supervision	€350,000
Tipperary Bridge Rehabilitation	€250,000
Total Improvement Allocations 2023	€6,616,000
Construction of New Roads	Allocations 2023
Cashel/Mitchelstown	€25,000
NDP – N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction	€1,000,000
Total Construction of New Roads Allocations 2023	€1,025,000
Maintenance	Allocations 2023
Total National Primary Maintenance & Route Lighting	€362,456
Total National Secondary Maintenance & Route Lighting	€385,328
Engineering and Winter Support to the National Primary and National Secondary - Maintenance Programme	€88,300
Total Maintenance Allocations 2023	€836,084
Total TII Grant Allocation for National Roads	€8,477,084



2023 GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR GREENWAYS

Greenways	Allocations 2023
Cashel to Cahir Greenway- Cashel to Cahir Town	€100,000
East Limerick Greenway (Tipperary)	€50,000
Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer	€300,000
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield	€300,000
Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island, Clonmel	€100,000
Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir – Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottage	€150,000
Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link – Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	€150,000
Local Authority Greenways Support 2023	€250,000
Total Greenway Allocation 2023	€1,400,000

GREENWAY PROJECTS

GREENWAY PROJECT	CURRENT UPDATE – March 2023
Suir Blueway - Gas House Bridge - Suir Island, Clonmel	Preparing to submit planning application to An Bord Pleanála.
Suir Blueway - Waterford Greenway Link - Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility under review by TII.
Suir Blueway - Marlfield to Cahir	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility substantially complete and to be submitted to TII for approval.
Lough Derg Greenway - Ballina to Dromineer	The second non-statutory public consultation on the route corridor options concluded on 12 January 2023. The submissions made by interested parties are now being reviewed by the Project Design Team.
Cashel to Cahir Greenway - Cashel to Cahir Town	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal substantially complete and to be submitted to TII for approval.
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield	Environmental surveys and site investigation on site at present. Planning application to An Bord Pleanála to be prepared by Q3 2023.



ACTIVE TRAVEL

On 1st February 2023 the council received notification from the National Transport Authority of an allocation of €4,633,000 for Active Travel Schemes in 2023 (see full details hereunder).

Project Name 2023	Current Update	2023 Allocation
N24 Cycle Scheme, Clonmel	Preparing Part 8 planning application	€50,000
Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	Preparing An Bord Pleanála planning application	€50,000
Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	Preparing to submit Part 8 planning application	€280,000
R445 Lisbunny - Nenagh Active Travel Scheme	Contractor to be appointed	€430,000
Ballina Active Travel Scheme	Develop design	€5,000
Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu Junction, Cahir	Develop Options Selection Report for NTA	€59,700
Active Travel Connectivity, Bowes Corner Thurles	Complete works on site	€150,000
Clairin Footbridge, Carrick On Suir	Prepare tender documents for works contractor	€450,000
Carrick on Suir Active Travel Scheme	Develop Detailed Design	€70,000
Cahir Road to Convent Road Active Travel scheme, Clonmel	Preparing to submit Part 8 planning application	€80,000
Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	Works nearing completion on link to train station. Preliminary design substantially completed for the Village	€50,000
SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	Preparing Part 8 planning application.	€50,000
SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	Preparing to submit Part 8 planning application	€200,000
SRTS (R2) St. Brigid's Nationals School, Donaskeagh	Awaiting An Taisce Delivery Plan for the School	€5,000



Project Name 2023	Current Update	2023 Allocation
SRTS (R2) Cullen National School	Awaiting An Taisce Delivery Plan for the School	€10,000
SRTS (R2) St Marys Central National School, Killenaule	Awaiting An Taisce Delivery Plan for the School	€20,000
Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel	Finalising Preliminary Design	€30,000
Rosegreen Active Travel Scheme	Contractor on Site	€50,000
Nenagh Urban Greenway	Preparing An Bord Pleanála planning application.	€150,000
Borrisokane Community College Footpath linkage	Contractor due on site	€32,000
Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina	Finalising Preliminary Design	€62,000
Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme	Develop Design	€15,000
Active Travel Scheme Ladyswell Street, Cashel	Prepare Detailed Design Drawings	€30,000
Cahir Road Active Travel Scheme, Cashel	Contractor on Site	€500,000
Ballylooby Active Travel Scheme	Contractor to be Appointed	€150,000
Old Road Active Travel Scheme, Cashel	Works Complete	€68,400
Emly Village Footpaths	Works Complete	€18,900
Carrick Beg Footpath Improvements, Carrick on Suir	Appoint Contractor	€150,000
Suir Footpath and Cycleway Scheme, Thurles	Finalise design and appoint contractor	€48,000
Schools & Third Level Linkage Thurles Town	Awaiting approval on the Options Assessment Report	€180,000
R445 Roscrea Footpath and Cycleway scheme	Appoint a Contractor	€480,000



Project Name 2023	Current Update	2023 Allocation
Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme Thurles	Currently at Part 8 Stage	€15,000
Inch National School	Develop Options Assessment Report	€10,000
Nenagh Local Transport Plan	Finalise list of options for the Nenagh Transport Plan	€118,000
Thurles Local Transport Plan	Finalise list of options for the Thurles Transport Plan	€118,000
Clonmel Local Transport Plan	Finalise list of options for the Clonmel Transport Plan	€118,000
Active Travel Staff Costs		€330,000
		€4,633,000



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and procurement for same is now underway with the preparation of tender documents.	Preliminary design is expected to commence after consultants have been procured and appointed in 2023.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ road pavement improvement works ▪ addressing a number of road safety issues ▪ the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village ▪ the extension of footpaths to the speed limit on the Portumna side and to the R493 Terryglass Road on the Borrisokane side of the village ▪ public lighting improvements ▪ some public realm improvements. RPS consultants has been appointed to continue with the preliminary design and complete planning procedures for the scheme. Consultation with local residents and stakeholders has commenced which will inform the design of the scheme.	It is anticipated that the Preliminary design will be completed and an application to An Bord Pleanála will take place in Q4 2023.
Thurles Municipal District		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	Route Selected in 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbying for it to be included in the next NDP.	Continue lobbying for scheme to be included in the next NDP.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The works consist primarily of planning and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs and public realm improvements. Consultants were appointed and the preliminary design and Part 8 planning process completed in December 2022.	Detailed design work will continue in 2023.
N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town	It is anticipated that work will commence in Q4 2023.



	of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme is at preliminary design stage.	
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Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded this contract in July 2022. Works and Temporary Traffic Management are underway and progressing well. Works will continue in phases over the 18-month contract period.	Contract management throughout 2023. Works are ongoing on-site.
N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening	This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village. GLAS Civil Engineering were awarded this Contract in July 2022. Works are continuing and good progress is being made.	Contract management and substantial completion in 2023. Works are ongoing on-site.
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	This scheme involves the realignment of approx. 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd was awarded the contract. Works are nearing substantial completion and defects period will commence through 2023.	12-month maintenance period.
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme involves the N74 Fr Mathew Street in Tipperary Town. Preliminary and detailed design stages are completed. Tender documents have been prepared for the procurement of a Contractor for the works.	Appointment of a Contractor in Q2 2023 with work commencing in Q3 2023.
N74 Golden to Knockroe Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.5km of pavement on the N74, located approximately 4km west of Cashel Town. The scheme is at tender stage.	It is anticipated that construction will commence and be completed in Q2 2023.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. TII have approved the preliminary Design and the Part 8 Planning process will be advertised in Q1 2023.	Part 8 planning process in Q1 2023.



Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Clonmel Borough District		
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	This is a continuation to the east of the Clonmel Inner Relief Road to a point beyond the 60kph speed limit and is approximately 1.6km in length. This scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary Design is under way along with liaison with TII Road Safety engineers.	The Planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals.

Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	The CPO was published in August 2020, an Oral Hearing was held on 1 st & 2 nd December and the CPO was confirmed on April 16 th , 2021 without modifications. RPS consultants were appointed on 3 November 2022 to complete the design work and procure a works contractor for the scheme.	The consultant is expected to have the tender documentation prepared by Q4 2023 so that a works contractor can be appointed by Q1 2024.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	The Main Contractor for the scheme is John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. Works commenced on site in August 2022.	The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	<p>Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir public lighting flood alleviation works along the River Suir. <p>This scheme is on the NDP and DoT approval will be required to allow it to go to detailed design. Lidl has completed construction of a section of the road for access to new store.</p>	Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition.



ROADS ADMINISTRATION

Admin/Licensing Process 2023 YTD	Number
Roads Abutting Certificates Requested	151
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	100
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	74
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	46
Road Opening Licence applications received	274
FOI requests processed	6
AIE requests processed	1
Internal Roads Abutting Requested	6
Internal Roads Abutting Issued	4

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2023

The Local Improvement Scheme 2023 (LIS) has closed for new applications. Priority and Secondary lists have been compiled and submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for funding approval, in advance of offer letters being issued for payment of the required Local Contribution.

ROAD SAFETY

Road Safety Section has completed a number of awareness campaigns this Spring. In February, a campaign was run in conjunction with Tipp FM which saw a message urging people to slow down voiced by Johnny Looby, one of the station’s most popular presenters:

“Sadly, most of us know someone – a family member, friend or colleague – who has died or been

seriously injured in a road accident There is one easy thing that every single driver can do to reduce collisions on our roads one simple message **“Please slow down”**.”

For St. Patrick’s weekend Road Safety did a bank holiday weekend takeover with Tipp FM. The theme again was that speeding kills:

“Speeding Kills, Slow Down this Weekend, it will save your life”!

“Táthcheangail deireadh seachtaine Saoire Bainc i gcomhar le Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann...Maraíonn an Luas, Moilligh síos an Deireadh Seachtaine seo, sábhálfaidh sé do shaol”!

This campaign was run bi-lingually to fulfil our obligation under the Official Languages (Amendment) Act, 2021.

The following bi-lingual advert appeared in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade Section of The Nationalist.



A further “Be Safe Be Seen” advert appeared in the Nenagh Guardian Farming Supplement.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

A new Public Lighting policy was adopted by the Council in December 2022. Public lighting queries are dealt with daily by the Roads Section, the Customer Service Desk and the Municipal/Borough Districts. Enerveo (formerly SSE Airtricity) is notified of the relevant queries and corrective action is taken as appropriate.

Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of more than 17,800 lights in the county and public lighting is the biggest user of energy in the Council's overall energy usage.

Tipperary County Council is participating in the National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP) which will see 11,600 lights upgraded to LED across Tipperary. This project is being rolled out on a regional basis with Tipperary County Council included in the Eastern region. Kilkenny County Council is leading the project in the region. Tipperary County Council continues to engage with the lead partner in preparing for the project commencing in Tipperary later this year.



Do Chomhairle:
ag lasadh ár bpobal –
ag cosaint ár n-aeráid
Your Council:
lighting our community –
protecting our climate

Upgrading of lights to LED is ongoing in advance of the PLEEP project commencing.

For the benefit of Members, the following are the options available to facilitate reporting of public lighting faults:

- Internet: www.airtricitysolutions.com
- Internet: www.enerveo.com
- Phone: Enerveo Call Centre 0818 372 772
Customer Services, Tipperary County
Council - 0818 06 5000

HEDGE CUTTING

The hedge cutting season ended on 28 February 2023.

Tipperary County Council would like to thank owners and occupiers of land adjoining roads who inspect trees and hedges on their property during the hedge cutting season, to ensure that they did not pose a danger to road users.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
County Development Plan 2022-2028	Completed and in effect from August 22nd	The Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 was considered and made by the members at the July Plenary Meeting. The plan is effective from August 22 nd 2022.	The implementation of the plan will take place over its lifetime – 2022-2028. The Plan will also be monitored over its lifetime.
Clonmel Local Area Plan	Pre-Draft Public Consultation Event November 22	Reports on pre-draft submissions issued to members early February '23 with progress update at February MD meeting.	Elected Member workshops at MD level to discuss the proposed draft LAP to be scheduled for May and early June '23, dates to be circulated shortly.
Nenagh Local Area Plan	Pre-Draft Public Consultation Event November 22	Reports on pre-draft submissions issued to members early February '23 with progress update at February MD meeting.	Elected Member workshops at MD level to discuss the proposed draft LAP to be scheduled for May and early June '23, dates to be circulated shortly.
Thurles Local Area Plan	Pre-Draft Public Consultation Event November 22	Reports on pre-draft submissions issued to members early February '23 with progress update at February MD meeting.	Elected Member workshops at MD level to discuss the proposed draft LAP to be scheduled for May and early June '23, dates to be circulated shortly.
Roscrea Local Area Plan	Pre-Draft Public Consultation Event November 22	Draft Plan on public display from 24 th February to 11 th April 2023. Submissions being accepted.	Elected Member workshop to discuss the Draft LAP and submissions received scheduled for May 2023, date to be circulated shortly. Proposed Report on submissions to circulate in advance.
Residential Zoned Land Tax	Draft maps published in November 2022. Public	Evaluation of submissions received. Information sought from statutory bodies and landowners,	Determinations on relevant submissions to be notified to landowners by 1 st April 2023.



	<p>consultation period ended 1st January 2023. Submissions received have been considered and evaluated, and, where necessary, determinations on relevant submissions are currently being prepared.</p>	<p>where necessary, to inform determinations. A workshop was held with the Elected Members on 30th January 2023.</p>	<p>Further survey, assessment to be undertaken and Supplemental map to be prepared for publication on 1st May 2023.</p>
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<u>Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Town Centre First Policy	<p>Roscrea Town Centre First (TCF) Masterplan preparation under way. Town Team in place. Consultants appointed and currently preparing an optioneering report for review by TCC & Town Team in April. Plan to be finalised by end of June after further consultation process and to be included as appendices to LAP.</p> <p>TRO working with Clonmel Borough to</p>	<p>Public consultation process for Roscrea Masterplan completed in March which included in person and online workshops, online surveys, focus groups in schools, stakeholder interviews, councilor workshop. Town Team established.</p> <p>Presentation to Clonmel Town Forum in March 2023</p>	<p>Review optioneering report and shortlist options for Roscrea Masterplan. Review Draft Further public consultation On going meetings with Town Team. On going meetings with Team consultants.</p> <p>Prioritise actions and finalise Town Team</p>



	<p>support new Town Team in Clonmel and prioritise actions in the existing TCF Action Plan</p> <p>TRO liaising with Carrick on Suir to work towards new Town Centre First Plan & Town Team</p>	<p>Presentation to COSTEDC in Q4, 2023</p>	<p>Continue to work with COSTEDC & District to progress</p>
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<u>National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Tipperary Town Regeneration	<p>Market Yard – Snagging completed and Final Account agreed and paid.</p> <p>River Ara Walkway –River works could only be completed between July and September, 2022 in compliance with decision issued by An Bórd Pleanála. Contractor appointed in June, 2022 to undertake the works which are in progress. Construction of the bridge is completed under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. The purchase of the land is completed. The main works contract was completed in December, 2022 and the walkway opened on 22nd. December. Planting is completed.</p>	<p>Market Yard –Works are fully completed.</p> <p>River Ara Walkway –The playground is currently being installed and the boardwalk will be erected in the next few weeks subject to suitable weather conditions.</p>
Fethard Town Park	<p>Phase 1 - Groundworks and 3G pitch were completed in January, 2022 and opened for use in February, 2022. The grass pitch opened for use in October, 2022. Temporary dressing rooms have been installed.</p> <p>Phase 2a - Pavilion and Public Realm Works - Contractor</p>	<p>Phase 1 – completed.</p> <p>Phase 2a –Works are due for completion in early April, 2023 and</p>



	<p>appointed in March, 2022 and works commenced on 21st. March, 2022. The final fix is in progress in the pavilion which includes the community annex under Phase 2b. The car park is completed and handed over to the company.</p> <p>Phase 2b – Stand and Community Annex to the Pavilion - Approval received from the Department of Rural and Community Development on 25th. April, 2022 to extend the project scope to include these elements which are being funded by the Magnier Foundation and carried out under a separate contract. Steelworks associated with the stand are completed.</p>	<p>Fethard Town Park will be fully operational from 7th. April.</p> <p>Phase 2b –Works are due for completion in early April, 2023 and Fethard Town Park will be fully operational from 7th. April.</p>
<p>Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza</p>	<p>Detailed designs presented to Consultative Group and some revisions agreed. Detailed designs also revised to capture additional design elements deemed critical to the project. Request for tenders advertised on e-Tenders on 27th. July, 2022 with closing date on 6th. September, 2022. Assessment of tenders completed in October, 2022. Final Business Case completed for Decision Gate 3 and submitted to the Department on 20th. December, 2022. Form 2.4- Additional Funding Request completed and submitted to the Department on 17th February, 2023.</p>	<p>Obtain approval from the Rural Regeneration Development Unit for Decision Gate 3 – Proceed to Implementation Stage. Appoint contractor and commence works in Q2 of 2023. Estimated programme duration for completion of works is 18 months.</p>
<p>Thurles Market Quarter - Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers</p>	<p>Pre-Tender Approval for the design stage issued by the Department in February, 2022 following receipt of Council submission. Assessment of tenders for the engagement of an integrated design team completed in April, 2022. Successful and</p>	<p>Finalise detailed designs, tender preparation, tender evaluation and award for the construction stage will take place in Q2 2023. Commence works in Q3 2023 with estimated completion in Q1 2025. Meetings with stakeholders are ongoing.</p>



	<p>Unsuccessful Letters issued in May, 2022. Pre-award meeting held with the prospective design team in July, 2022. Review of insurances completed by IPB Insurances August, 2022. Design team appointed in September, 2022. Preliminary design completed. Ongoing meetings being held with Mary Immaculate College and Thurles Farmers' Market. Detail design is in progress.</p>	
<p>Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan</p>	<p>Ongoing meetings being held by the Steering Group and Implementation Group. Extensive public consultation and market testing completed on preferred concepts. Phase 1 - Visitor Experience Development completed. Phase 2a - Concept Development and Predesign substantially completed in Q1 of 2023. High Level costings completed. Approval received from the Project Steering Committee to proceed to Part 8 Planning, public consultation and applications for Ministerial Consent. Survey work undertaken. Draft Cost Benefit Analysis/Business Case completed.</p>	<p>Complete review of Cost Benefit Analysis/Business Case. Commence Part 8 Planning in Q2 2023 and complete in Q4 2023. Complete detailed design in Q2 2023.</p>
<p>Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan-A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter</p>	<p>Part 8 Planning approved in January 2022 with significant public consultation undertaken by the Council. Surveys completed. Detailed design is completed.</p>	<p>Part 8 and detailed design completed. Category 1 application approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development in November, 2022.</p>
<p>A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the</p>	<p>Cahir Market House Business Centre: – Part 8 Planning approved. Design team appointed. Preliminary Designs completed. Surveys completed. Detailed designs completed.</p>	<p>Cahir Market House Business Centre: – Part 8 Planning and detailed design completed.</p>



<p>Living-Working Quarter</p> <p>Category 2</p>	<p>Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park: - Design team appointed. Preferred designs agreed. Part 8 Planning for the proposed car park site approved in December, 2021 with the public realm approved in January, 2022. Surveys completed for both elements. Detailed designs completed for the car park site and public realm areas. Purchase of two sites for the proposed car park is completed.</p>	<p>Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park: - Detailed design is completed.</p> <p>Category 1 application approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development in November, 2022.</p>
<p>Kilsheelan - Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing & Low Carbon Planning</p>	<p>Design team appointed in January, 2022. Pre-Tender Approval for the design stage issued by the Department in February, 2022. Working Group established to develop a Serviced Sites Scheme for the sale of the sites. Detailed design is completed. Request for Tenders advertised on e-Tenders on 31st. January, 2023 with closing date for receipt of tenders on 14th. March, 2023.</p>	<p>Progress the development of a Serviced Sites Scheme. Complete tender action, evaluation and award for the construction stage in Q2 of 2023. Prepare and submit documentation to the Department under Decision Gate 3 and obtain Approval to Proceed to Implementation Stage in Q2 of 2023.</p>
<p>Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh</p>	<p>Consultant appointed in March 2022 to prepare tender documents for the procurement of a design team for the Rialto building and housing development Approval in Principle issued by the Department on 10th. May, 2022. Pre-Tender Approval under Decision Gate 2 issued by the Department on 24th. June, 2022. Tenders for Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services published on the Official Journal of the EU on 29th. July, 2022. Tenders received through e-Tenders have been assessed and tender assessment report prepared. Final Business Case to proceed to</p>	<p>Complete required surveys, preliminary design & Masterplan in Q2 of 2023. Commence the Part 8 Planning process in Q3 and complete by end of Q4 2023. Commence detailed design in Q4 2023 and complete by early Q2 2024.</p>



	<p>implementation stage under Decision Gate 3 submitted and approved by the Department on 4th. November, 2022. Successful and Unsuccessful Letters issued November, 2022. Design team appointed on 13th. February, 2023. Project Steering Committee and Project Delivery Group meetings are ongoing.</p>	
<p>Carrick -on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition'</p>	<p>Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022. Verification Forms completed for the Due Diligence and Verification Stage returned to the Department on 12th. January, 2023 and currently being reviewed by their technical team. Project will be delivered in 5 phases commencing with Phase 1- Ormond Park, Healy Park and part of Castle Street. Tender documents for the construction stage of Phase 1 works are currently being reviewed. Tender documents are being prepared for the engagement of a design team to manage the construction and handover stages on Phases 1, 2, 4 and 5. A Request for Tenders was advertised on e-Tenders on 14th. February, 2023 for the engagement of a design team to prepare detailed designs and oversee the construction and handover stages for Phase 3 relating to the Digital Hub.</p>	<p>Obtain Approval in Principle from the Department of Rural & Community Development under Decision Gate 1. Complete Funding Agreement and return to the Department. Complete review of tender documents for phase 1 works and advertise for contractors on e-Tenders. Advertise for a design team to manage the construction and handover stages for Phases 1, 2, 4 and 5. Commence Phase 1 works in June, 2023 with estimated completion in October, 2023.</p>
<p>Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy</p>	<p>Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022 under Phase 2. Tender documents for the procurement of a design team to</p>	<p>Awaiting written contact from the Department in regard to requirements for Phase 2 approved projects. Complete Part 8 Planning, procurement of a design team and</p>



	complete the detailed design and tender package for the construction stage for the library are being prepared and the procurement process will run concurrently with the Part 8 for the library element.	award of contract by end of Q2 2023 for the library element. Complete detailed designs for the library in Q3 of 2023.
Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea	Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10 th . November, 2022 under Phase 2.	Awaiting written contact from the Department in regard to requirements for Phase 2 approved projects.

<u>National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme-Phase 1 and Phase 2	<p>Phase 1: -New Car Park off Liberty Square is completed. Works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square are completed.</p> <p>Phase 2: -Proposed enhancement works relate to the Western end of Liberty Square and junctions of the approach roads. Scheme extents drawing completed. Consultants appointed to prepare the Part 8 drawings and documentation and meetings are ongoing in regard to concept options. Extensive consultations ongoing with other statutory bodies. Surveys, assessments and data collection completed in Q3 2022.</p>	<p>Phase 1: - Completed.</p> <p>Phase 2: - Public and stakeholder consultation on options together with the preparation of the options report including identification of the preferred option and preliminary design will be completed in Q2 of 2023. Part 8 Planning will commence in Q4 2023 with completion in Q1 2024. Complete detailed design by end of Q2 2024. Cost estimate will be completed by end of Q3 2024.</p>



<p>Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration - Clonmel Regional Sports Hub and Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1</p>	<p>Regional Sports Hub –Works commenced on site mid-August, 2021 and were substantially completed in February, 2023.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1. Car park completed. Works commenced on the plaza and public realm on 10th. June, 2021 and were substantially completed by December, 2022. Official opening held in February, 2023.</p>	<p>Regional Sports Hub - Works are substantially completed. Snagging to be undertaken.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1- Works are substantially completed. Snagging to be undertaken.</p>
<p>A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre</p>	<p>Consultants procured to review and update the Preliminary Business Case. Review of Preliminary Business Case completed and submitted to the Department on 16th. June, 2022. Approval in Principle issued by the Department on 29th. November, 2022 under Decision Gate 1 together with requirement for submission of further information. Further information submitted by the Council on 21st. December, 2022. Approval received from the Department on 1st. February, 2023 to proceed to develop a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy as part of the approval process for Decision Gate 2 - Pre-Tender Approval. Consultants appointed to prepare tender documents for the engagement of a design team. Stage 1 of the Restricted Procedure prequalification process completed in August, 2022. Documentation under Stage 2 Restricted Procedure is being finalised. Survey work is being undertaken. Communications Plan and branding for the Centre has been completed and agreed and name of Centre identified. Project</p>	<p>Finalise documentation for Stage 2 Restricted Procedure for the engagement of a design team. Complete the tendering process and evaluation of tenders for the engagement of a design team. Appoint the design team.</p>



	Steering Group and District Delivery Group meetings are ongoing.	
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PLANNING SECTION

County Development Plan

A new Tipperary County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 for the entire county of Tipperary was made on the 11th July 2022 by the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council. The new County Development Plan became effective on Monday the 22nd August and replaced the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009, as varied, and the North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010, as varied. From this date, and for six years, new development in Tipperary must reflect and embrace the planning vision, policies and objectives of the County Development Plan.

The County Development Plan will operate as a blueprint for the future development of the county. The publication of this Plan marks the culmination of a two-year process whereby the Plan was made by the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council with the advice of the executive and in consultation with the public. This Plan is historic as it is the first ever all-county plan prepared for Tipperary, setting out a progressive and sustainable vision for our county.

The Plan will guide sustainable development for our communities through protecting our environment, reducing our energy demands, maintaining the viability of our towns, villages and rural communities and supporting job creation. The implementation of the plan will be monitored over its lifetime – 2022-2028 -note Section 15 Mid-term review report due in July '24 including SEA monitoring.

The new County Development Plan is set out over 5 Volumes and is available to view on the County Council webpage at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/cdp>.

Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles and Roscrea

With the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 now in place , progress on the preparation of Local Area Plans for the Key Towns and District Towns in the County has commenced. The Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 sets out a Core Strategy for the development of towns and villages in the County. The plan sets out the character, potential and vision for growth as demonstrated in the Town Profile Plan for Key and District Towns which will inform the preparation of a new Local Area Plan. The Town Profile Plans set out a baseline for the towns with key socio-economic data such as jobs ratio, transport modes, housing stock etc. In particular, the compact growth area and walking and cycling proximity as indicated, will support low-carbon development patterns including local transport planning and town centre

The Planning Section has commenced the background research and survey work and an external environment team have been commissioned to prepare the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment. Workshops have taken place with Elected members in October 2022, an Issues Paper published for each LAP and Public Consultation Events took place in November 2022. Further workshops will take place with the members during May and June to discuss the Draft LAPs before they are made available for public comment.

A draft Roscrea Local Area Plan was published on 24th February 2023 and submissions are invited until 11th April 2023.

Draft Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles will be published in Summer 2023. Further public consultation will take place in accordance with legislative provisions.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

As set out in Housing Policy Objective 15.2 of Housing for All, a new tax to activate land for residential purposes, and which will in time replace the Vacant Site Levy, has been introduced by the Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as a Land Activation Measure.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax provisions of the Finance Act 2021 set out criteria to facilitate the identification of lands which fall within the scope of the tax. The Planning Authority are responsible for preparing and publishing maps based on this criteria. These maps are to be based on the local authority development plan and where relevant, local area plan zoning maps i.e. where land is zoned and suitable for residential development. The legislation also sets out certain lands which are to be excluded from the scope of the tax.

All land that was zoned for residential development, or residential development and a mix of other uses, in a development plan or local area plan, before 1 January 2022 and which remains subject to the relevant zoning on that date, is liable for consideration within the initial scope of the Residential Zoned Land Tax. This is intended to encourage activation of existing planning permissions on lands which are identified as being in scope and to incentivise suitable lands without planning permission to commence the process of engagement with planning authorities.

Draft maps were published on November 1st 2022 and were subject to a consultation period until January 1st 2023. 91no. submissions were received, of which 67no. require a formal determination with a notification of the determination to be issued to the landowner by 1st April 2023. Landowners can appeal the determination to An Bord Pleanála by 1st May 2023. The remaining 24no. submissions have been evaluated for Supplemental and Final Map preparation. Where a submission has requested a change to the zoning of land, the process of reviewing all rezoning submissions received will be undertaken as a single, collective variation process after the public notification period for the supplemental map has ended on 1 June 2023.

Supplemental Maps, which will contain only additional sites not shown on the Draft Maps, will be published on 1st May 2023, for which there will be a consultation period for 4 weeks, ending on 1st June 2023. Similar to the Draft Map stage, the local authority will be required to make a determination on submissions received by a landowner requesting an exclusion or challenging the in-scope date. And, again, such determinations can be appealed to An Bord Pleanála. The final maps to be published on 1st December 2023. The draft maps are available for inspection at the Council offices and on the Councils website. [Residential Zoned Land Tax- RZLT | www.tipperarycoco.ie](https://www.tipperarycoco.ie)
A workshop was held via zoom with the Elected Members on 30th January 2023.

Town Centre First (TCF) / Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)

Tipperary County Council was awarded funding earlier this year of €100,000 to deliver a Town Centre First Plan for Roscrea Town. The funding has been awarded under the Department of Rural and Community Affairs' "Our Rural Future", Ireland's Rural Development Policy 2021-2025. The plan will help to develop Roscrea's own unique vision and plan for its future development and once complete, will provide a basis for the town to seek support from multiple funding streams, including the Rural Regeneration Development Fund, (RRDF) and the Town & Village Renewal Schemes. A Town Regeneration Officer was appointed in November by Tipperary County Council and will initially work with Roscrea as the first pilot town in the County to have a TCF plan developed. The first steps will be to establish a Town Team for Roscrea for which expressions of interest were received as part of a public consultation process during the summer. A contract will be awarded shortly to appoint consultants to

support the delivery of the Town Centre First Plan with the TRO and a timeframe for completion has been set for the summer of 2023.

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

The National Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2027 established four new funds to help drive the specific core priorities detailed in the NPF (National Planning Framework). These four funds included an Urban Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The following projects are currently being delivered.

Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new role for the town. The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement. Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. Both elements of the project are substantially completed. **Total project costs approved are € 15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**



Kickham Barracks Plaza

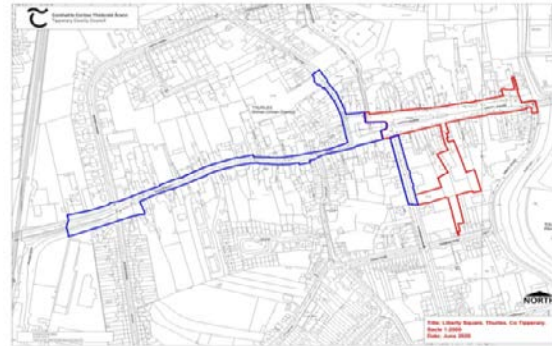


Clonmel Regional Sports Hub

Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. Funding was received in 2019 to undertake works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square and to develop a new car park off Liberty Square. Additional funding of €1m was secured in March, 2021 to undertake enhancement works to the Western end of Liberty Square and the junctions of the approach roads. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €10,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €5,390,291.**



Liberty Square Phase 1 Completed



Liberty Square Phase 2 in Blue Shading

A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh: -The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr’s Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting-edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland’s first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancement to Friar Street Civic Plaza, Martyr’s Road Town Park, Martyr’s Road streetscape improvements, including cycleways. Funding was approved in March, 2021 under the Second Call for funding support from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €12,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €9,525,000.**



Sustainable Energy Centre of Excellence, Nenagh

Tipperary Town Regeneration - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It includes: Upgrade of the Market Yard as

a pedestrian priority area linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre; Development of an 800m gravelled walkway parallel with the existing river channel and connecting to the existing path near Glenview; Installation of a new pedestrian bridge to access the walkway from the Link Road. Funding was approved in 2018 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The

Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €1,442,018 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,081,513.00.**

Completed Market Yard



River Ara Walkway

Fethard Town Park

The project proposal is for the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emly Diocese and Healthy Ireland. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs for Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works are €3,137,927 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,003,445. Groundworks and pitches were funded by the Magnier Foundation (Coolmore Ireland) who have also agreed to fund the stand and community annex of the pavilion. Revised project**

costings for Phases 1 and 2 now amount to €7,092,521. Total project costs for Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works are €3,137,927 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,003,445.



Fethard Town Park

Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza

The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €2,810,000 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,107,500.**



Photomontage of Templemore Town Hall Enterprise & Cultural Centre

Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter - A Tourism-led Regeneration Plan

It comprises a Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within a context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €896,712 and RRDF grant amounts to €672,534.**



Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter

Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter'

Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €17,989,387 and RRDF grant amounts to €14,391,509.**



Photomontage of proposed improvements at Main Street, Castle Lane and Strand Lane, Carrick on Suir

A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre: Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter

A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir’s historic Square as a living-working quarter. The project will provide a dynamic town centre Square with a focus on pedestrian priority and civic space. The re-development will be focused around Market House, a flagship Business Development Centre based in one of the most historic buildings on the Square. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €986,354 and RRDF grant amounts to €663,362.**



A Photomontage of the Proposed Cahir Square and Cahir Market House Business Centre

Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration through Recreation, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion’s Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated market space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers; will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC Students’ Union. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €3,825,700 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,443,130.**



Existing



Thurles Market Quarter

Proposed

Kilsheelan – Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing and Low Carbon Planning

The project has been developed as a demonstrator scheme to show the practical implementation of



Tipperary County Council’s **‘Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing’**. The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be model for serviced site developments across the Country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and nationally. The scheme at Kilsheelan was subject to a Part 8 process and approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. The project also includes the development of a new public park in the heart of this picturesque village and a new arrival point for the River Suir Blueway. The project was awarded

RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €670,833 and RRDF grant amount is €603,750.**

Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh

Funding has been approved to prepare detailed designs and planning for the adaptive re-use of the former iconic 1940's Rialto cinema into a modern digital and enterprise hub facility using best practice and appropriate modern architectural intervention to provide excellent office, collaboration and meeting spaces. The associated brownfield site will be master-planned to explore the potential for further digital and enterprise office space, the creation of a new streetscape along Emmet Place, the potential provision of town centre residential units and the delivery of a new public amenity heart in the town centre. The Hub will be an exemplar sustainable, green, town centre regeneration project that will revitalize the town centre of Nenagh through the provision of much needed incubator enterprise space, public realm enhancement, improved permeability/linkages with existing streets and backland/infill development through planning for the delivery of town centre homes. The overarching aim and purpose of the proposal is to promote economic development and increase employment opportunities while preserving and saving a protected historic structure which was purchased by the Council in December, 2020. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in January, 2022. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €1,511,059 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,208,847.**



Proposed Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub

Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition'

This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of extensive public realm enhancements in the town centre, development of Suir Blueway linkages and the regeneration of the Ormond Castle Quarter. Improvements will consist of (i) the transformation of Main Street, Sean Kelly Square, Greystone Street, Bally Alley Street and Chapel Street through the installation of high-quality public realm; (ii) provision of a new Enterprise and Digital Hub in a vacant town centre building owned by An Post on Main Street which will be managed and operated by Carrick on Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee; (iii) the creation of an arrival point at Sean Healy Park through design, enhancement and orientation measures integrating

best practice in user needs for kayakers, cyclists, walkers and other users and the integration of the Suir Blueway Tipperary into the town centre through the creation of shared spaces along the Quays and linkages to Main Street.; (iv) public realm upgrade of Castle Street and repurposing of Ormond Castle Park as a high-quality Amenity and Biodiversity Park. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 1 on 10th. November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €17,989,387. RRDF grant approved is €14,391,509 has been secured through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.**



Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy

This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of a new Business Development Centre in the heart of Cahir, public realm enhancements in the centre of the town and the development of a car park on a central backland site. Improvements will consist of (i) the restoration and redevelopment of the vacant Cahir Market House and former Council Offices into a Business Development Centre which will be run by Cahir Development

Association and provide offices, a large training and conference room, co-working spaces and hot desks to satisfy the unmet demand in the town (ii) the refurbishment of the historic Granary building to provide a state-of-the-art library for the community; (iii) Cahir Square Public Realm Enhancements to include the recalibration of the traffic circulating around the Square to a more



rationalised flow that prioritises pedestrian and cyclist movements and the redistribution of public realm in favour of recreational space; (iv) the provision of a new car park consisting of 86 car parking spaces, coach parking, EV charging, and bicycle parking on disused backlands off Church Street which will involve the demolition of two derelict vacant buildings that were acquired by the Council under the Category 2 approved project. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €14,894,686. RRDF grant approved is €11,915,749 has been secured through the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.**

Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea

This project will deliver a transformational change to the public space around Gantly Road and promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The project will be the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly Street Age



Friendly Neighbourhood, an ambitious masterplan to create a more vibrant and appealing place for people of all ages to address specific social, environmental and economic challenges within the community. The works will involve (i) the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles; (ii) the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths; (iii) extensive bio-retention rain gardens and (iv) the provision of water

service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Road Age Friendly Masterplan area. The regeneration and re-imaging of Gantly Street is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area into the future. Development of the Gantly Street masterplan area will transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €5,639,145. RRDF grant approved is €4,511,316 with Council cash match funding of €1,127,829 allocated to the project.**

Conservation Grant Schemes 2023

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2023** seeks to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. The scheme also seeks to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craft workers and trades people. Funding is available for successful projects (the minimum amount is €2,500 up to a maximum amount is €15,000 per application) subject to each owner fully matching the funding awarded.

The allocation for Tipperary County Council under the scheme for 2023 is **€126,000**. This year Tipperary County Council also received an extra allocation of **€21,377** under the supplementary ring-fenced funding for historic thatched structures.

We received 30 applications under the scheme for 2023. The closing date was the 23rd January, 2023. 24 projects were recommended by RIAI Grade 1 Conservation Architect, Michael O'Boyle after a thorough assessment was carried out. The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage approved grants ranging from €2,500 to €11,000.

The list of projects supported under Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2023 is as follows:-

Project Name	Funding
Bawnbeg, Coolagarranroe, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€7,100.00
J Ryan, Graigue, Clogheen	€7,100.00
Thatch Monsea, Monsea, Ballycommon, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	€7,177.00
1978 - Wolfe Tone Memorial, Liberty Square, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	€9,500.00
Curraghbawn House, Newtown, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	€3,000.00
Coalfield House, The Commons, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.	€2,500.00
The Old Parochial House, Mill Street, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary.	€11,000.00
St. Mary's Church, Bailey Street, Killenaule, Co. Tipperary	€11,000.00
132 Main Street, Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€3,000.00
Lower Gate House, Lower Gate St, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	€3,000.00
Bawnbeg, Coolagarranroe, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€2,500.00
Kilcorron House, Lorrha, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	€2,500.00
J Ryan, Graigue, Clogheen	€2,500.00
Church of St John the Baptist, Clonoulty, Tipperary	€9,000.00
T Mason Building, Friar Street, Thurles	€2,500.00
Dromore House, Newport, Co Tipperary	€3,000.00
Ballyboe, Ballypatrick, Co Tipperary	€3,000.00
Cahir Presbyterian Church, Abbey Street, Cahir	€3,500.00
St. Marys Church of Ireland, Thurles	€7,000.00
Labourers Cottage, Greenmount, Newcastle	€5,000.00
McGrath's Shop, Main Street, Fethard, Co. Tipperary	€9,500.00
Grenane House, Tipperary, Co. Tipperary	€3,500.00
Alta Villa, Cashel Road, Barnora, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€11,000.00
Ballybrado House, Ballybrado House, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€3,000.00
7 Castle Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€9,500.00
Old AIB Building, Bank Street, Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€3,500.00
Thatch Monsea, Monsea, Ballycommon, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	€2,500.00

Letters will issue to all applicants outlining any special conditions that need to be met under the terms of the scheme. Once applicants accept the terms and conditions they may commence work on their project. All works will be assessed and inspections carried out during the coming months. Works must be completed by the end of September so the projects can be inspected and grants paid out.

The **Historic Structure Fund 2023** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. Tipperary County Council received 18 applications under the various streams for the scheme. After a thorough assessment was also carried out by Michael O'Boyle, RIAI Grade 1 Conservation Architect, 7 projects were put forward to Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. We await their report to see if the projects that have been put forward will be successful.

Any queries on both schemes can be directed to Jacqui Dowling, Staff Officer, Planning Section.

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/23 to 24/03/23

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	45	41	4	0	0
Housing Development	3	3	0	0	1
NIA/EIA	3	3	0	0	0
Other Applications	177	172	5	1	1
Total	228	219	9	1	2

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 27 complaints received from the 1st January to the 28th February 2023. During this period 27 Warning Letters and 7 Enforcement Notices were issued.

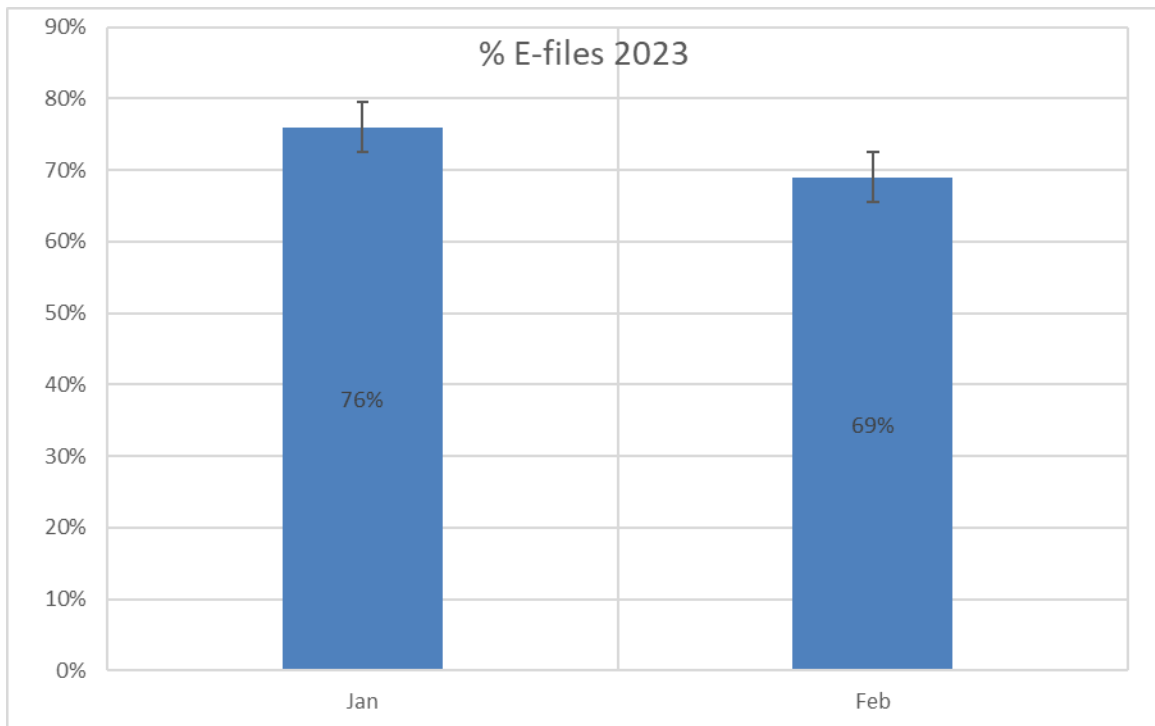
Taking in Charge: Estates

Applications Being Processed	DPI Developments	Taken-in-Charge in 2022	Taken-in-Charge in 2023	Advertised in 2023	Applications 2023
22	21	7	0	0	3

- 7 developments (202 housing units) were taken-in-charge by Tipperary County Council in 2022.
- No developments are currently with the Roads Section to be advertised for taking-in-charge.
- 3 taking-in-charge applications have been included for assessment as of 20th March 2023.
- There are currently 21 Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) housing estates in County Tipperary which the Planning Authority is unable to progress at present.

E-Planning

In association with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), Tipperary Planning Authority has successfully completed the pilot of phase one, two and three of planning portal <https://planning.localgov.ie>. During our first full year live on the planning portal over 50% of applications were received online. Set out below are the monthly figures % of E- applications received by month for 2023 in Tipperary. In Jan & Feb 45% of submissions received, were received via the portal. Work is continuing with the LGMA and our third-party providers and part 8 applications are now online with six from Tipperary currently on the planning portal. We continue to liaise with the other 12 iplan sites who have gone live on the planning portal in 2022 & 2023. Nationally at the time of writing we have now assisted the following planning authorities to go live: Galway County, Westmeath, Kilkenny, Limerick, Waterford, Carlow, Clare, Louth, Mayo, Monaghan, Sligo and Laois. It is planned that the remaining iplan authorities will go live in the first half of 2023 and the apas/odsey planning authorities also.



Irish Planning Institute Annual Conference 2023.

Following the submission of a comprehensive expression of interest, Tipperary County Council is delighted to have been selected to host the Irish Planning Institute Annual Conference, 2023. The conference is scheduled to take place at Hotel Minella, Clonmel on 20th and 21st April 2023. A working group was established to organise and agree the scope of the conference and will provide an opportunity to showcase the best Tipperary has to offer. (see below).



IRISH PLANNING INSTITUTE
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PLANNING REFORM AND PLANNING DELIVERY

IPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023
Hotel Minella, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Thursday 20 and Friday 21 April
(Welcome reception 19 April)
CPD: 15 credits

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**PLANNING REFORM AND PLANNING DELIVERY
IPI CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2023**

Chair: Sarah Carey, columnist and broadcaster

Wednesday 19 April	
Afternoon	SENIOR PLANNER/SENIOR PROFESSIONALS FORUMS Attendance by invitation only
7:00 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION, HOTEL MINELLA With remarks from representatives of the Irish Planning Institute, Young Planners Network and Tipperary County Council
Thursday 20 April	
8:30 am	REGISTRATION OPENS
9:30 am	SESSION 1: WELCOME + Conference opened by conference chair Sarah Carey + President's Welcome - Mary Mac Mahon MPl President, Irish Planning Institute + Welcome from Tipperary County Council
9:50 am	SESSION 2: SECTOR UPDATES + Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage + Office of the Planning Regulator + Q&A
9:50 am - 11:00 am	REFRESHMENT BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION SPACE We are delighted to welcome this year's exhibitors, which include TU Dublin, UCC, UCD, KPMG Future Analytics, RealSim
11:30 am	SESSION 3: LESSONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLANNING REFORM + From AnyBody to An Cosáil - Donagh Buckley , Chairperson, An Bord Pleanála + Digital Planning Transformation - Diane Renne , Digital Transformation Specialist, former Digital Planning Programme Director Scottish Government + Digital Spatial Planning: Lessons from the ESRI/AN Evaluating Spatial Planning Practitioners with Digital Plan Future project - Prof Anna Hespberger , WSI (Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research) (Invited) + Q&A
12:45 pm	LUNCH
2:00 pm	SESSION 4: REGENERATION + Town Centres First - Mairéad Hunt , National Town Centre First Co-Ordinator, National Town Centre First Office + Town Centre First and Regeneration examples presented by Tipperary County Council + 'A Spanner in the Works': Findings from the TU Dublin Covid-19 Mobility Study into Blackrock and Donaghmore - Dr Sarah Beck MPl , TU Dublin + Q&A
3:20 pm	REFRESHMENT BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION SPACE
3:30 pm	SESSION 4: REGENERATION CONTINUED + Regenerative Tourism and Ireland's Hidden Heartlands - Fiona Dunne , Regional Development Manager, Ireland's Hidden Heartlands Region, IAHLE Ireland + Strategic Projects and Regeneration in Belfast City Centre - Lisa Walsh MPl , Belfast City Council + Q&A
4:30 pm	GALA RECEPTION AND DINNER (included with your registration) The perfect opportunity to network and connect with other delegates, hosts, sponsors and speakers while enjoying a three course dinner and drinks reception
7:00 pm	
Friday 21 April	
9:30 am	SESSION 5: INTRODUCTION AND KEYNOTE + Introduction from the Irish Planning Institute + Keynote address - Kieran O'Donnell TD , Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with special responsibility for Local Government and Planning (Invited) + Developments in Tipperary, Tipperary County Council
10:15 am	SESSION 6: PLANNING PRACTICE + Sustainable Compact Settlement Guidelines - Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage + Q&A
10:45 am	REFRESHMENT BREAK IN THE EXHIBITION SPACE
11:15 am	SESSION 7: PERSPECTIVES ON PLANNING REFORM + Fred Logie , FP Logie LLP + Karl Deeter , Commentator + Q&A
12:00 pm	SESSION 8: PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF PLANNING + Mary Mac Mahon MPl + Fred Logie + Ray Ryan MPl , IMMA Planning + Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan , Cork County Council + Tipperary County Council
12:30 pm	
12:45 pm	
LUNCH followed by tours (see following page for details)	

Planning & Emergency Services SPC

The first meeting of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2023 was held on 14th March 2023. Updates were given on Roscrea, Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles Local Area Plans and on Project Ireland 2040.



FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service

SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	<p>Finalising the Business continuity software package.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with MW regional steering & working groups.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Proposal from Inoni on how to proceed received and currently under consideration.</p>
Building Control	<p>Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.</p> <p>Onsite inspections ongoing</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Complete annual inspection programme for 2023 reaching Dept. guideline targets</p>
Health & Safety	<p>Audit to ISO 45001 & 9001 completed in Jan 2023 – successfully certified to both standards</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Implement annual objectives as per service delivery plan</p>
Fire Safety	<p>Fire Safety Strategy prepared and signed off for delivery in 2023</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Primary schools programme underway along with station visits by schools at end of school year.</p>



CURRENT PROJECTS		
Project	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Cashel Fire Station	Construction underway with planned completion date of Oct 2023	Ongoing monitoring of progress
Roscrea Fire Station	Improvement works included in Department allocation.	Seek department approval to appoint design team – application currently with Department.
New appliances	Final design meeting held with Emergency One and TFRS	Delivery expected in May 2023

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 20th March 2023
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	344
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	22
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	14
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	17
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	8
Number of Commencement Notices Received	83

New Fire Appliances

Our two new fire appliances are nearing completion in the workshop in Scotland and the pre-delivery inspection will be undertaken by officers from this Authority on the week commencing 10th April next. The appliances are being completed at a total cost of just in excess of €400k per appliance which is being fully funded from the capital programme of the National Directorate For Fire & Emergency Management. The appliances will go into service in Tipperary Town and Roscrea fire stations.



New Fire Appliances in Final Stages of Build in Scotland


Cashel Fire Station

Construction of our new station in Cashel is well underway with works on target to be completed before year end.



New Cashel Fire Station

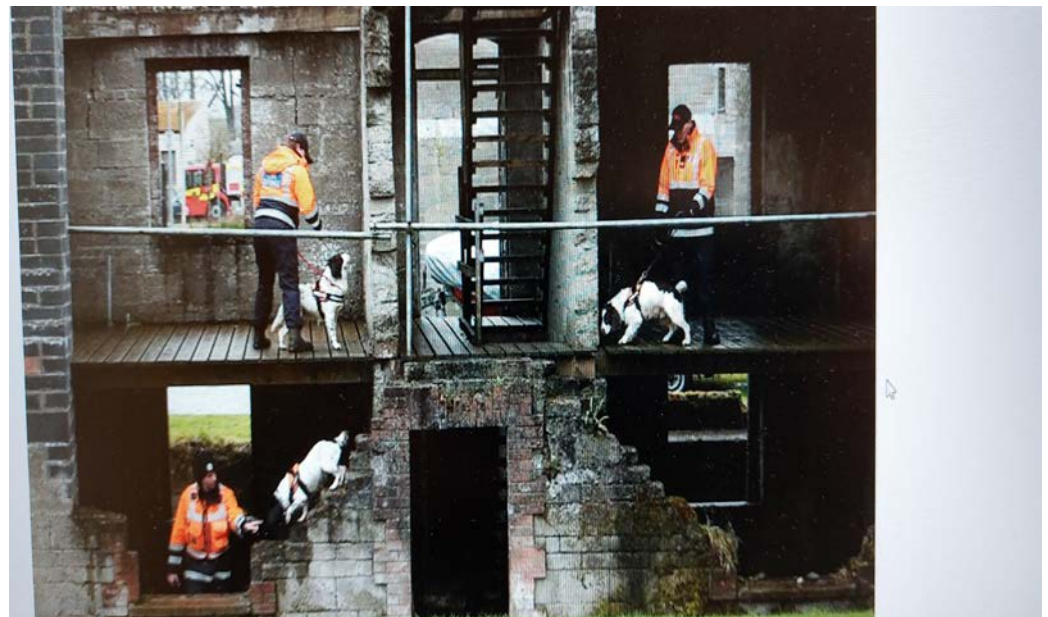
Tipperary Civil Defence

Activities	Ukrainian Response
<p>Ukrainian Displaced Persons Response</p>	<p>Responses to the Ukrainian crisis continue with the provision of transport, medical support and logistical support at both the Clonmel and Littleton rest centers. The provision of transport is of particular important to assist the Housing Section of Tipperary County Council in the process of bringing residence from the rest centers to pledged housing within the County. On going transport is provided to medical and hospital appointments</p> 
<p>Health & Safety</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence recently completed our Internal Audit with Quadra and are now deemed ready to proceed to the NSAI audit. A date is yet to be confirmed. Our risk assessments are being reviewed as part of this process</p>
<p>Community Support & Duties</p>	<p>Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of first Aid and Ambulance cover at an array of event over the last few weeks Volunteers provided First Aid Cover to St Patrick's Day celebrations in the County</p>

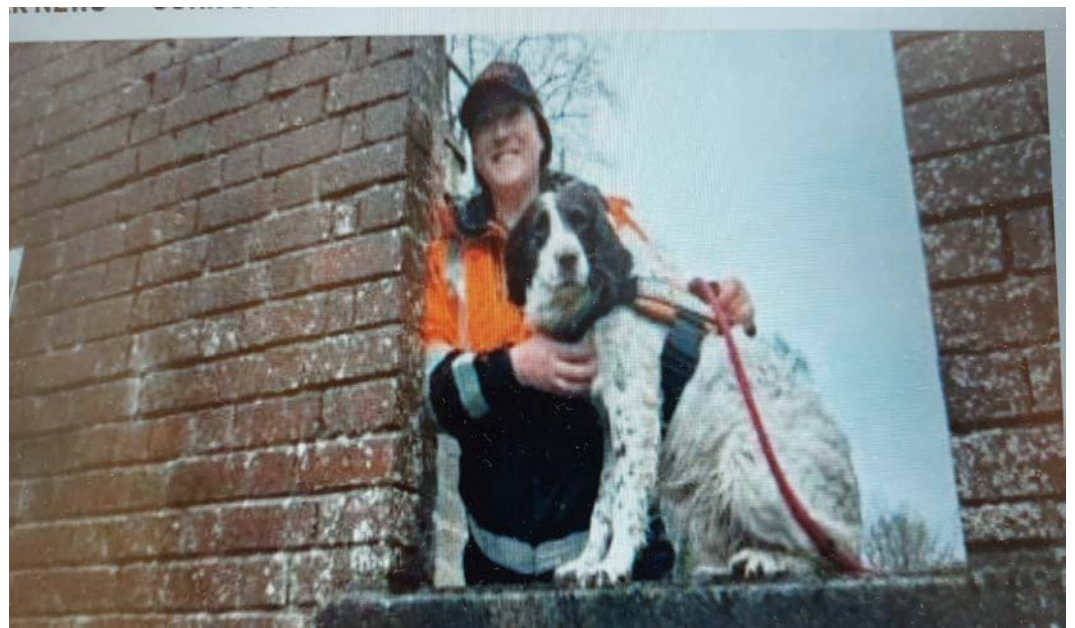
Launch of the New K9 unit in Ratra House, Dublin

On the 9th March Tipperary Civil Defence dog handler Mark Condon and search dog Scooby attended a launch by the Civil Defence branch of newly qualified search dog Rossi and Civil Defence first ever female Dog handler. The extensive media launch took place in Civil Defence Branch facility in Ratra House, Pheonix Park, Dublin and was attended by Department Staff, Civil Defence Officers and the relevant K9 handlers. Rossi – a victim recovery dog has completed over 150 hours of guided training under the watchful eye of her handler Karen Kelly from Meath Civil Defence. After undergoing relevant approved assessment Rossi is now operational and added to the Civil Defence K9 response. There are now 5 search dogs in the County, placed Dublin, Meath and Tipperary . Also attending on the day was members of an Garda Siochana (missing person section)and the missing person Bureau of Ireland. The launch was extensively covered in both TV and print media as well as social media platforms

3 Search Dogs in action in Ratra House, Dublin at media launch



Tipperary Civil Defence K9 handler Mark Condon and search dog Scooby



Civil Defence First female Dog handler with newly qualified Search Dog Rossi

Road Safety Authority Audit and on-Site Inspection

Tipperary Civil Defence vehicle fleet recently underwent an on site assessment by the Road Safety Authority to inspect vehicle condition , maintenance records, management system and legal compliance. The audit was successful and we received a high level of compliance.



Recruitment



Recruitment of New members is ongoing while induction training will commence shortly with new members who have recently completed their Garda Vetting and Tulsa Child protection training

Contact: Dolores.fahey@tipperarycoco.ie or Anthony.graham@tipperarycoco.ie

A major emergency was recently declared as a fire broke out at Wexford General Hospital. Civil Defence played a major role on in the evacuation of

Fire at Wexford General Hospital

patient from the burning hospital to alternative facilities throughout the Country. Wexford Civil Defence Officer, Peter O Connor Co-ordinated the operation seeking assisting from neighboring Civil Defence unit. Tipperary Civil Defence were delighted to be in a position to be able to provide a response with the provision of a vehicle & crew to assist.



Civil Defence Ambulance fleet assisting in the evacuation of Wexford General hospital



A multi-agency response at the Fire in Wexford General Hospital

Library Service



- Staff in Thurles Library organised a Cyber Safety Session which was run by Cyber Safe Kids. The event took place on 22nd February with thirty-one students from Scoil Angela Primary school in attendance.



- Staff in Thurles Library organised a series of events to celebrate Ireland Reads day on 25th February. These included an Interactive Storytime accompanied by a craft, songs and a live guitar session



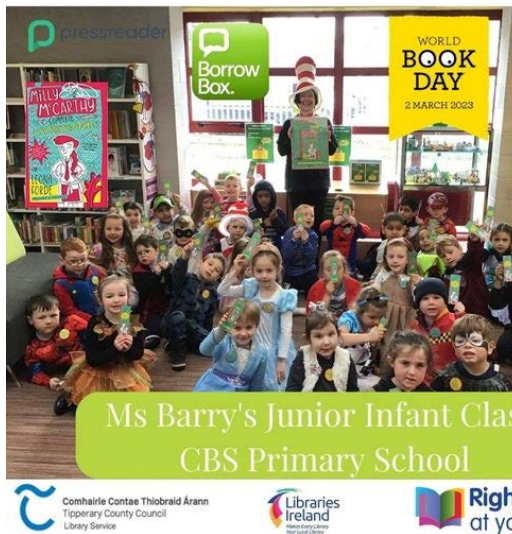
- Thurles Library hosted an AONTAS Learners Information Session in conjunction with the Tipperary ETB on 7th March



- Thurles Library hosted a Creative Copters Workshop on 10th March to celebrate Engineering Week. Over forty students from Scoil Ailbhe were in attendance.



- Nenagh Library hosted a workshop on Wildlife and Heritage by Emma-Jane Leeson, author of the Johnny Magory book series in Nenagh Library on 1st March. Over thirty children from St Mary's Primary School were in attendance.



- Over one hundred pupils from Nenagh Community School and CBS Primary School visited Nenagh Library on 2nd March to celebrate World Book Day. Their visit included a Dr Seuss themed story time and quiz.



- To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, Nenagh Library held a school's quiz. Nine teams took part in this year's quiz including CBS, Lorrha, Carrig and Birdhill national schools. There was a high standard this year as evidenced by the fact that at the end of the morning there was a tie-break between an Gaelscoil and Lorrha NS. before an Gaelscoil eventually won the day.



- Nenagh Library were delighted to 3rd and 4th Class pupils from Scoil Naisiunta Naomh Sheosaimh Toomevara who visited the Library on 15th March. The pupils joined the library and learned how to use LOTE for kids. LOTE4Kids is a library eResource that allows children to learn a language and connect with books through the magic of storytelling.



- To celebrate Ireland Reads, Clonmel Library held two workshops with well-known authors Brian Gallagher and Róisín Meaney on 24th February.



- To celebrate the South Tipperary Engineers Festival, Clonmel Library organised a weeklong series of events celebrating engineering with over 200 pupils from 6 local schools.
- Staff in Clonmel Library have formed a Lego Coding Club. Computer coding with LEGO is a great introduction to the world of coding using a favourite building

toy. The first group began on 23rd March and will run for six weeks every Thursday at 3:30



- To celebrate World Wetland's Day, staff in Carrick-on-Suir Library organised a talk from Brian White of the Carrick Lions Club about the wetlands of Carrick-on-Suir. This event took place on 2nd February and was attended by the 6th class girls of Presentation Primary.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted the launch of the Lions Club's "Little Green Book" on 22nd February. This book sets out how to protect our environment. The book was officially launched by Cllr David Dunne, Cathaoirleach of Carrick-on-Suir MD.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a gardening workshop on 10th March. Attendees were shown how best to prune fruit bushes using the bushes in the library community garden and they were also able to bring home some cuttings to plant for themselves. This event was attended by local people and by members of the Journeyman Camphill Community.



- Maura Barrett, Library Staff member and historian gave a talk on St Brigid in Cashel Library on 2nd February.



- Staff at Cashel Library organised a table quiz for Cashel Day Care Centre on 15th February.



Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council and Maura Barrett, Cashel Library

- Staff at Cashel Library hosted Mná Month which was a festival of events for the month of March that celebrates women. The festival was launched by Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council on 4th March. The opening of Mná Month began with a cheese and wine reception at the library followed by a performance from The Cedartowns with current folk music.



From L to R: Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Una Healy, Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council



From L to R: Maura Barrett, Cashel Library, Una Healy, Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council

- To celebrate International Women’s Day during Mná Month, Cashel Library hosted an evening with Una Healy. Una Healy spoke about her life in Tipperary and beyond and also sang for the audience.



- Students from St Michael’s NS, St Joseph’s NS and Gaelscoil Thiobraid Árann visited Tipperary Town Library in the last week of February to celebrate Ireland Reads Day.



- Leigh Dowling, Tipperary Town Library visited St Josephs NS on 2nd March where he held a storytime session as part of World Book Day.



- The Gardening Club are now holding regular meetings in Tipperary Town Library and plan to continue to use the Library as a meeting venue.



- Transition Year Students from Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore painted a window display to celebrate Valentine's Day.



- Templemore Library held a Ciorcail Cáinte on 9th March. This was held as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge.



- Templemore's newly founded Women's Shed held their inaugural meeting in Templemore Library on 14th March.



- St Cronan's Association made three visits to Roscrea Library during the month of March.



- Students on the Schools Completion Programme visited Roscrea Library on several occasions in February and March. The School Completion Programme (SCP) is a targeted programme of support for primary and post primary children and young people who have been identified as potentially at risk of early school leaving or who are out of school and have not successfully transferred to an alternative learning site

ALONE and how to avail of them. ALONE is a national organisation that enables older people to age at home as well as providing befriending services, advocacy and support.

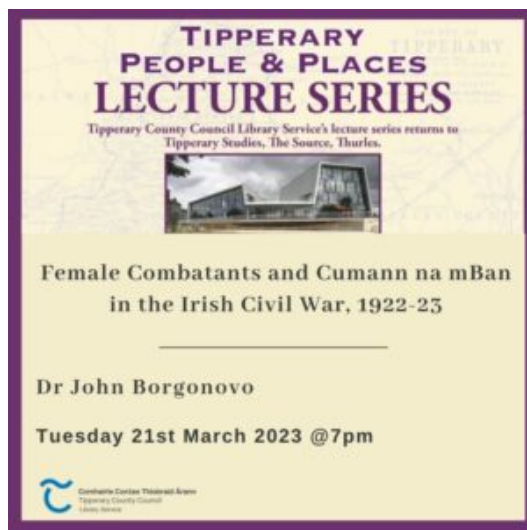
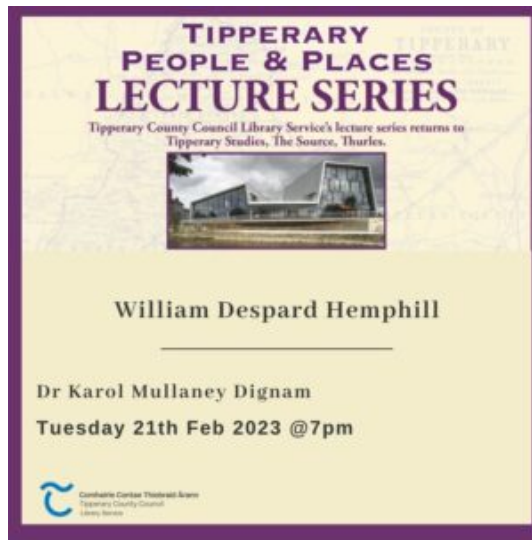


- The Senior Infants and First Class from St. Mary's National School visited Killenaule Library on 2nd February for an introduction to the library, story-time and a colouring session.



- Catherine Power from ALONE held a full day session in Killenaule library and spoke to older patrons about the services available through

Tipperary Studies



- Dr Karol Mullaney Dignam gave a talk entitled *William Despard Hemphill* on 21st February as part of the Tipperary People and Places Lecture Series.
- Dr John Borgonovo gave a talk entitled *Female combatants and Cumann na mBan in the Irish Civil War, 1922-23* on 21st March as part of the Tipperary People and Place Lecture Series.



- Tipperary Studies held a two-part workshop entitled *Poetry as Commemoration* in conjunction with UCD, Arts Council & Poetry Ireland. Participants were invited to write poems relating to their thoughts and reflections of the War of Independence and Civil War period. These workshops took place on 14th and 21st March.

Arts Service



- The Second Level Print in Schools Exhibition is an arts office initiative to support access to original works of art by secondary school students. This touring exhibition can be borrowed by second level schools as a support to the school curriculum. The exhibition was installed in St. Ailbe's School, Tipperary Town from January and a workshop on the processes involved in printmaking took place in the school.



Tipperary Bealtaine Festival Artists Training 2023

- Each year in the month of May, Bealtaine is presented as an annual festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age. Preparations for the Tipperary Bealtaine festival have begun and a number of projects led

by Tipperary Bealtaine artists are now underway across the county. Recognising the need to support these artists in their professional development, the Tipperary Arts Office held a day long training on Wednesday 22nd of March. The training day was led by socially engaged theatre artist and arts consultant Sarah Thornton and focused on best practice when working creatively with older people. It involved practical and creative exercises and discussions and incorporated peer learning as well as opportunities for networking and sharing expertise and practice.



Ukrainian Health and Well-being Support Arts Project

- The Tipperary Arts office recently secured funding to coordinate a series of art engagement opportunities at congregated Ukrainian rest centres across Tipperary. The funding for this intervention has been made available through the Ukrainian Refugee Health and Wellbeing support fund, the purpose of which is to promote health and wellbeing of Ukrainian refugees who have sought protection in Ireland. Beginning in late February and concluding on March 24th, a total of 16 arts workshops have taken place across 3 sites in the county, with over 200

Ukrainian refugees in attendance, with participants ranging from young children to older adults. Six artists working in various disciplines visited residential settings in Dundrum and Fethard and also at the newly formed Ukrainian Community Centre in Thurles. Coordinators at each centre have reported positively on the effects of the workshops, citing increased wellness and enhanced social and communication skills. The Arts Office will now look to support each of the centres coordinators in applying for further funding opportunities made available through Tipperary County Council.



- First Music Contact in association with Tipperary County Council has developed a programme of professional development workshops. First Music Contact is the lead national music organisation for resourcing musicians and the independent music sector in Ireland. They deliver projects at key stages of an artists' development, helping them develop real careers. In advance of the workshops, musicians completed a questionnaire to inform First Music Contact about their requirements. Tipperary musicians were then invited to an Introduction to the Music Industry and First Music Contact supports workshop and panels on Approaching Irish Media, Reaching

Online Audiences, Gigging outside Ireland and Management. The second phase of workshops commences week beginning Monday 27th March on the following topics, Developing as an artist: A perspective, Publishing and Music Supervision, DIY, and Funding.

A range of grant schemes to support Artist Development have been announced in 2023. These include:

- Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary Scheme - two bursary awards to professional artists living in Tipperary to develop work at the County Monaghan workplace for artists.
- Local Drama Scheme - Up to two development awards annually to assist groups in developing skills within the group/enhancing production values/availing of further training/availing of professional input or for other development needs/special projects.
- Artist in Primary School Scheme - The aim of this scheme is to give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off unique project to be originated and planned between the artist and the school.
- Independent assessment panels are being convened during late March and early April to assess applications with the aim of supporting as much quality arts activity across the county as possible.

Visual Artists Ireland facilitated Professional Development Training for Tipperary Artists in 2023. The following information

webinars were held in the first quarter of 2023.

- Funding & Applications Session (Webinar & Clinics) took place on Thursday 12th January 2023.
- Socially Engaged Practice facilitated by Áine Phillips. (Webinar & Clinics took place on Thursday 2nd February 2023
- Starting and re-starting your career (Webinar & Clinics) took place on Monday 2nd March

These webinars will be rolled out over the coming weeks.

- Equality Diversity & Inclusion
- E-Tendering Walkthrough
- Public Art Commissions
- Sustainability Further Investigation
- Technical/Digital/Developmental Skills & Techniques.

Heritage Service

New Creative Ireland Programme

Launched:



Róisín O'Grady, Heritage Officer, Cllr Noel Coonan,
Leas Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council,
Stephane Duclot, Director of Services

- The Tipperary Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023-2027 was launched in February in Farmleigh House by Minister Catherine Martin and Minister of State Kieran O Connell. This strategy will inform the roll out of the programme over the next 5 years. Our Community Grant and Project Award Schemes have been advertised and assessed and letters will issue in the coming week. An open call has also been issued for Cruinniú na nÓg 2023.

County Heritage Plan Actions:

- Funding has been allocated for a Raising Awareness budget that will see the return of the Heritage Week Grant scheme, An Archaeology Ireland Guide to the Heritage of Cahir, A Seminar for owners of vacant properties in collaboration with Planning and the Museum among others.
- Consultation will also begin later this month on the new Heritage Plan.

National Biodiversity Action Plan

Actions:

- Tipperary County Council has been accepted onto the pilot Biodiversity Officer programme which is being run by the Heritage Council and recruitment is to take place.
- An application for funding was also submitted under the Local Biodiversity Action Fund and we are awaiting notification of results.
- Community Monuments Fund

- Eight applications were submitted under this fund and a decision is due on funding in the next month

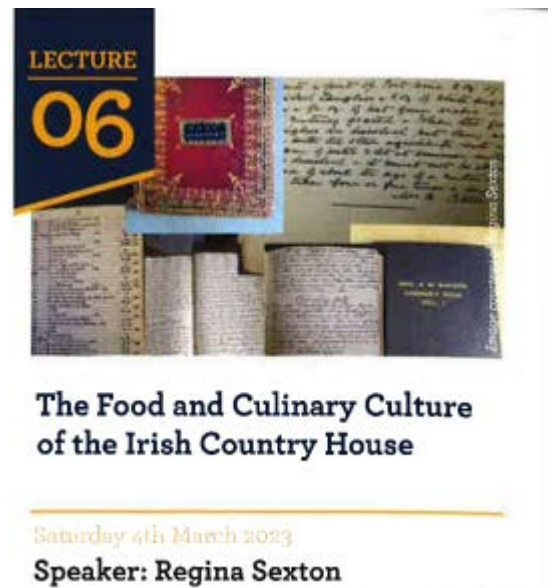
Commemorations Programme:

- This is the final year of the commemorations project. The Heritage Office has advertised the Community Grant Scheme and it will be assessed shortly. The final details of the programme are currently being prepared. Presentation Convent Clonmel will work with the Mná 100 project and Dr Sinead McCool on a project on Cuman na mBan autograph books in April.

Royal Sites Bid

- Discussions will begin shortly with Department about a MoU
- A number of key actions are being progressed by the Working group in relation to the OUV (Outstanding Universal Value) and project coordination
- A section 149A agreement has been prepared for the five Local Authorities in the South to progress nomination.
- Talks are ongoing between World Heritage Unit and Department for Communities on the transnational element of the bid.

Museum Service



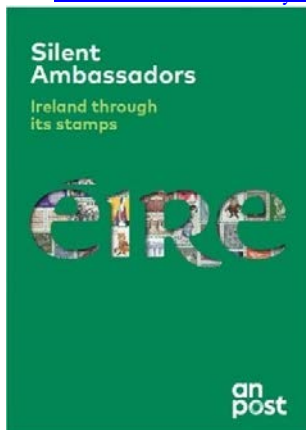
- The Museum's March lecture took place on 4th March. The lecture entitled 'The food and culinary culture of the Irish Country House' was delivered by Regina Sexton.



- **Tipperary Articulation Regional Final** March 2023. A Public speaking event which took place in the Council Chamber in County Hall, Clonmel. Students from *Gael Coláiste Cheitinn, Clonmel, Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel* and *The Ursuline, Thurles* took part. Each school will be represented at the All-Ireland final in association with Kerry County Museum in April 2023.



- St. Brigid's Day: A step by step guide to making a St. Brigid's Day Cross and an information piece on St Brigid was uploaded to the Museums Website/Facebook www.hiddenhistory.ie



- The Museum's online exhibition created with Stephen Ferguson, An Post went live in early March. This online exhibition was designed to commemorate 100 years of Irish stamps. It examines how these small pieces of paper allow a unique perspective on how we see ourselves as a nation and how, perhaps, we wish to be seen since the formation of our state. Please find the exhibition via the below link: <https://www.hiddenhistory.ie/online-exhibitions/silent-ambassadors>



Workplace Partnership & Museum Projects:

- Our successful inhouse collaboration is progressing with new initiatives set to be rolled out in 2023. Climate action and the environment will be at the forefront of our programming. The Quizzes attract over **150+ participants** monthly
- **Acquisitions:** The Museum was successful with a bid with Fonsie Mealy's auctioneers in relation to various photograph albums and Journals associated with the Going Family from Cahir.

Museum Standards Programme of Ireland

- A Report from the Heritage Council confirmed that Tipperary Museum of Hidden History has been awarded Maintenance of Accreditation 2023.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 28th February 2023

	EXPENDITURE				Income €	INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €		Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A Housing & Building	7,244,814	39,850,258	18%	32,605,444	7,153,176	39,112,215	18%	31,959,039	(91,638)
B Road Transport & Safety	5,939,089	59,643,759	10%	53,704,670	2,995,364	41,463,621	7%	38,468,257	(2,943,726)
C Water Services	2,216,050	16,085,133	14%	13,869,083	2,105,647	15,506,586	14%	13,400,939	(110,402)
D Development Management	3,775,561	19,701,481	19%	15,925,920	1,807,768	8,234,425	22%	6,426,657	(1,967,793)
E Environmental Services	5,924,031	34,821,401	17%	28,897,370	2,811,907	16,243,760	17%	13,431,853	(3,112,124)
F Recreation & Amenity	2,475,107	14,932,200	17%	12,457,093	435,356	2,675,783	16%	2,240,427	(2,039,751)
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	260,159	1,844,743	14%	1,584,584	163,655	1,212,277	13%	1,048,622	(96,504)
H Miscellaneous Services	2,914,521	18,092,337	16%	15,177,816	2,515,029	16,600,010	15%	14,084,981	(399,492)
LG Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	4,497,718	26,986,309	17%	22,488,591	4,497,718
RA Rates	0	0	0%	0	6,139,844	36,936,326	17%	30,796,482	6,139,844
Totals	30,749,331	204,971,312	15%	174,221,981	30,625,463	204,971,312	15%	174,345,849	(123,868)



Capital Account – Year to Date 28th February 2023

	Expenditure Expenditure YTD €	Income Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	5,042,132	4,129,738
B Road Transport & Safety	1,956,129	1,040,726
C Water Services	284,130	25,470
D Development Management	1,472,337	1,152,415
E Environmental Services	220,482	19,337
F Recreation & Amenity	33,285	1,000
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	22,423	11,549
H Miscellaneous Services	514,121	7,381
Total	9,545,039	6,387,616

Collection Rates	YTD 202302	YTD 202202	YTD 202212
Rates	6%	6%	88%
Rents	56%	63%	90%
Housing Loans	88%	96%	97%

Note regarding Rates figures -

- 2022 year-end % takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the current month end figure.
- 2022 year-end % also takes account of Rates Waiver of €0.8m
- 2022 figures include credit brought forward of €1.41m.



COMMERCIAL RATES

Rate Accruals for 2023 amounted to **€36,839,065**. This may be adjusted downwards as results from appeals to the Valuation Tribunal following ReVal 2019 are decided.

Arrears of €5,921,516 were brought forward from 2022, giving the total amount to be collected as €42,760,581.

Receipts of **€2,759,317** were recorded to 28/02/2023.

EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES

Approximately 3,850 (88%) of customers are eligible to benefit from our Early Payment Scheme in 2023.

If fully subscribed and availed of this could achieve total reductions in their rates of €653,680.

The terms for our Early Payment Scheme for 2023 are: -

- Applied to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €26,000.
- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 6%, subject to a maximum of €600, payment of rates must be made in full, by 31st July 2023.
- Customers paying by Direct Debit can avail of the scheme if payment is made by September 2022.

The scheme is open to customers with arrears on their accounts where they meet the following requirements:

- a) Pay a minimum amount which is equivalent to the annual rates by the same timelines outlined above and
- b) Enter into a structured payment plan to address and eliminate arrears.

Drop in clinics were held in December and February to promote and explain the benefits of the 2023 Early Payment Scheme in each Municipal District area.



VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

Commercial Rates remain payable on vacant property. Where a property is vacant on the date of making the rate, owners must notify the local authority and advise that the property is vacant and for letting, or is closed for refurbishment or repair.

Vacancy relief will be applied to qualifying property in accordance with the following scale:

Category	% Relief/Payment
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill up to €5,000	100% Vacancy Relief
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	80% Vacancy Relief 20% to be paid
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	60% Vacancy Relief 40% to be paid

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Business Systems & GIS

- Continued to apply upgrades and patches to the Business systems in the organisation.
- Provided map represented data for other sections.
- Facilitated provision of 3rd Party maps.
- Provided corporate phones and setup on management tools.
- Analysed web payments processes

Website and eDevelopment

- Redeveloped the Anti-Social Behaviour System to incorporate look up to address system for tenants and improve data structure and workflows to increased efficiency of Tenant Liaison Officers
- Implemented new elements of our new website tipperarycoco.ie and trained staff members in web publishing/communication roles.
- Developed online access for consultations & grants e.g. Roscrea Local Area Plan.
- Compiled and publish NOAC returns for websites and social media accounts.

Networks, Infrastructure, Phones

- Proceeded with the build out of the secondary site for clustering purposes for the data centre
- Facilitated connectivity for the Ukrainian outreach office.
- Ran a Proof of Concept of SD technology for a wide area network solution for the Libraries.
- Ran a Proof of concept for a privileged access management security system

- Continued with the vulnerability management program.
- Blended working
 - Set up approx. 170 Users to date for blended working, all users required a hardware refresh and some additional software such as softphone
- E-Mail Services
 - Continued to monitor and filter all inbound mails in current cyber crime climate
 - New on -prem exchange 2019 build underway
 - Mailmeter upgraded to latest version
 - Assisted with export to Proofpoint for staff cyber security training
- Phone System
 - Upgraded approx. 50 desk phones to latest version hardware
 - Installed softphones licenses for 100 users
- Network
 - Improved network speeds in Clonmel Waste Water Treatment Plant by upgrading on site fibre connection modules
- New Office & Office Re-configuration
 - Assisted to date with all IT Elements for new office setups and major office reconfiguration projects.

All Teams

- Continued to provide technical support to staff and elected members
- Continued to manage and support business systems, websites, geographical, phones, desktop, devices and network systems.